

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL
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..KEEP THE WINTER CLOTHES OUT BECAUSE THE COLD AIR IS HERE AGAIN!!!:

SIMILAR TO TWO WEEKS AGO A SERIES OF COLD FRONTS WILL BE MOVING ACROSS THE AREA BRINGING MORE COLD AIR INTO THE REGION. THE FIRST OF THESE MOVED THROUGH MONDAY NIGHT BRINGING CLOUDS AND SOME RAIN. BREEZY NORTHWESTERLY WINDS HAVE BROUGHT COOLER DRIER AIR INTO THE AREA TUESDAY KEEPING TEMPERATURES IN THE 50S TO MID 60S. OVERNIGHT LOWS TUESDAY NIGHT ARE EXPECTED TO FALL BELOW FREEZING ACROSS INLAND PORTIONS OF THE NATURE COAST WITH 30S EXTENDING SOUTHWARD INTO INTERIOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

THE REAL COLD AIR IS BEHIND THE SECOND FRONT THAT WILL ARRIVE LATE TUESDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY MORNING. NORTHWESTERLY WINDS BEHIND THIS FRONT WILL ONCE AGAIN INCREASE TO BETWEEN 15 AND 20 MPH OVER LAND AND BE EVEN STRONGER OVER THE GULF AND AREA LAKES. THIS WILL BRING IN MODIFIED ARCTIC AIR SIMILAR TO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO ON JANUARY 22ND AND 23RD. DAYTIME TEMPERATURES ON WEDNESDAY WILL STRUGGLE INTO THE 50S TO LOWER 60S...BUT SHOULD CLIMB ABOVE THE RECORD LOW MAXIMUMS FOR THE DATE THAT RANGE FROM THE LOWER 40S TO LOWER 50S.

DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT THE WINDS WILL SHIFT TO A MORE NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND REMAIN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 MPH...WITH THE HIGHEST OCCURRING NEAR THE COAST AND IN THE VICINITY OF LAKES. THIS WILL HELP DRIVE THE COLD AIR WELL SOUTH LEADING TO THE POTENTIAL FOR ANOTHER ADVECTIVE FREEZE ACROSS MUCH OF THE AREA AWAY FROM THE COAST. TEMPERATURES WEDNESDAY NIGHT INTO THURSDAY MORNING ARE EXPECTED TO FALL INTO THE UPPER TEENS TO LOWER 20S ACROSS MUCH OF THE NATURE COAST WITH MID 20S TO LOWER 30S STRETCHING SOUTHWARD INTO INLAND PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. ALSO...WITH THE WINDS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE OVERNIGHT INTO EARLY THURSDAY...THE WIND CHILL VALUES WILL DROP INTO THE TEENS AND 20S ACROSS MOST OF THE AREA.

ON THURSDAY HIGH PRESSURE WILL BE MOVING EAST ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST U.S. BRINGING SUNNY SKIES. HOWEVER...WITH THE COLD AIR FIRMLY ENTRENCHED THE TEMPERATURES WILL STRUGGLE INTO THE 50S...BUT SHOULD CLIMB ABOVE THE RECORD LOW MAXIMUMS FOR THE DATE THAT RANGE FROM THE LOWER 40S TO MID 50S.

NORTHERLY WINDS DURING THURSDAY WILL CONTINUE TO BRING THE COLD DRY AIR INTO WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA KEEPING DEW POINTS IN THE SINGLE DIGITS TO LOWER 20S. THIS WILL SET US UP FOR ANOTHER COLD NIGHT THURSDAY NIGHT AS HIGH PRESSURE SETTLES OVER NORTH FLORIDA CAUSING WINDS TO BECOME LIGHT UNDER MAINLY CLEAR SKIES. TEMPERATURES THURSDAY NIGHT INTO FRIDAY MORNING ARE EXPECTED TO ONCE AGAIN FALL INTO THE LOWER AND MID 20S ACROSS MUCH OF THE NATURE COAST WITH UPPER 20S TO LOWER 30S STRETCHING SOUTHWARD INTO INLAND PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

THESE COLD TEMPERATURES COULD APPROACH RECORD VALUES IN A FEW LOCATIONS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING...AND EVEN GET CLOSE TO SOME OF THE RECORD LOWS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

BELOW ARE TABLES OF THE RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES AT SITES AROUND THE AREA FOR FEBRUARY 4TH AND 5TH...ALONG WITH THE ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

RECORDS FOR FEBRUARY 4:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR FEB 4	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	25 IN 1980	46	1969
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	21 IN 1917	48	1899
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	*23 IN 1958	49	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	*22 IN 1917	52	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	20 IN 1917	49	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	23 IN 1958	47	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	21 IN 1958	44	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	*27 IN 1917	55	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	24 IN 1958	44	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	26 IN 1958	49	1935
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	28 IN 1970	51	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	30 IN 1980	50	1956
		& 1958		
PARRISH	:PARF1	26 IN 1958	49	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	24 IN 1917	50	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	32 IN 1981	52	1965
ST LEO	:STLF1	24 IN 1917	49	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	34 IN 1996	54	1914
		& 1917		
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	29 IN 1958	51	1948
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	24 IN 1958	53	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	24 IN 1917	51	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	31 IN 1958	52	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	26 IN 1958	48	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	23 IN 1980	45	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	28 IN 1970	51	1941

* RECORD LOW FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY (SEE COMPLETE TABLE BELOW)

RECORDS FOR FEBRUARY 5:

LOCATION		RECORD LOWS FOR FEB 5	NORMAL LOW	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	26 IN 1980	46	1969
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	26 IN 1996	48	1899
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	25 IN 1966	49	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	27 IN 1996	52	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	21 IN 1996	49	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	22 IN 1996	47	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	*17 IN 1996	44	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	29 IN 1996	55	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	23 IN 1996	44	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	26 IN 1996, 1966 & 1935	49	1935
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	*24 IN 1996	51	1948
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	24 IN 1996	50	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	*24 IN 1996	49	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	25 IN 1996	50	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	*27 IN 1996	52	1965
ST LEO	:STLF1	22 IN 1996	49	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	*28 IN 1996	54	1914
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	*24 IN 1996	51	1948
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	25 IN 1996	53	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	23 IN 1996	51	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	*26 IN 1996	52	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	27 IN 1996 & 1958	48	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	22 IN 1996	46	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	26 IN 1996	51	1941

* RECORD LOW FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY (SEE COMPLETE TABLE BELOW)

RECORDS FOR FEBRUARY:

LOCATION		ALL-TIME RECORD LOWS FOR FEBRUARY	RECORDS BEGAN
ARCHBOLD	:ACHF1	18 ON 02/14/2006	1969
ARCADIA	:ARCF1	20 ON 02/28/1925	1899
AVON PARK 2 W	:AVPF1	23 ON 02/04/1958 & 02/08/1895	1901
BARTOW	:BARF1	22 ON 02/04/1917 & 02/14/1899	1892
BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL	:BROF1	16 ON 02/07/1895	1892
BUSHNELL 2 E	:BSHF1	19 ON 02/26/1967	1948
CHIEFLAND 5 SE	:CHIF1	17 ON 02/05/1996	1956
FORT MYERS/PAGE FIELD	:FMY	27 ON 02/04/1917	1902
INVERNESS 3 SE	:INVF1	21 ON 02/14/2006 & 02/15/1985	1948
LAKELAND LINDER FIELD	:LLDF1	24 ON 02/05/1996	1948
MOUNTAIN LAKE	:LWLF1	24 ON 02/25/1989 & 02/06/1947	1935
MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK	:MKCF1	22 ON 02/25/1989	1956
PARRISH	:PARF1	24 ON 02/05/1996	1957
PLANT CITY	:PLCF1	20 ON 02/14/1899	1892
PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE	:PNTF1	27 ON 02/05/1996	1965
ST LEO	:STLF1	19 ON 02/14/1899	1895
ST PETE/ALBERT WHITTED	:SPG	28 ON 02/05/1996	1914
SARASOTA-BRADENTON	:SRQ	24 ON 02/05/1996	1948
TAMPA INTERNATIONAL APT	:TPA	22 ON 02/08/1895 & 02/14/1899	1890
TARPON SPRINGS	:TRPF1	20 ON 02/14/1899	1892
VENICE	:VNCF1	26 ON 02/05/1996	1955
WAUCHULA 2 N	:WAUF1	24 ON 02/06/1947	1933
WEEKI WACHEE	:WEEF1	21 ON 02/07/2000	1969
WINTER HAVEN	:WHNF1	25 ON 02/25/1989	1941

ANOTHER INTERESTING FACT IS THAT THE EXPECTED LOW TEMPERATURES ON THURSDAY MORNING COULD BE THE COLDEST IN MANY AREAS SINCE JANUARY 2001.

BELOW ARE TABLES LISTING THE LAST TIME CERTAIN TEMPERATURES AT OR BELOW FREEZING WERE REACHED AT SITES ACROSS THE REGION. IN OTHER WORDS...TAKE FOR EXAMPLE THE FIRST SITE LISTED BELOW...ARCHBOLD. THE LAST TIME ARCHBOLD DROPPED TO 32 DEGREES WAS JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO ON FEBRUARY 1 2009. THE LAST TIME IT WAS COLDER THAN 32 THIS WAS ON JANUARY 23 2009 WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 22 DEGREES. THE PREVIOUS TIME IT WAS COLDER THAN 22 DEGREES WAS ON JANUARY 22 2009 WHEN IT DROPPED TO 15...ETC.

ARCHBOLD

TEMP	DATE	
32	02/01/2009	
22	01/23/2009	
15	01/22/2009	
13	01/05/2001	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1969.
	AND 01/12/1982	

ARCADIA

TEMP	DATE	
31	01/24/2009	
26	01/23/2009	
23	01/22/2009	
22	01/19/1997	
18	01/12/1982	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1899.
	AND 01/13/1981	
	AND 12/13/1962	

AVON PARK 2 W

TEMP	DATE	
25	01/23/2009	
24	01/05/2001	
22	12/26/1989	
20	12/24/1989	
19	01/12/1982	
18	01/14/1981	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1901.

BARTOW

TEMP	DATE	
29	01/22/2009	
28	01/25/2003	
27	02/05/1996	
22	12/25/1989	
21	01/22/1985	
20	01/13/1981	
18	12/13/1962	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892.

BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL

TEMP	DATE
32	01/23/2009
30	01/22/2009
23	01/21/2009
22	01/24/2003
21	12/20/2000
15	12/24/1989
14	01/22/1985
13	01/21/1985 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892.

BUSHNELL 2 E

TEMP	DATE
25	01/21/2009
24	01/03/2008
23	01/24/2003
22	01/05/2001
20	12/18/2000
19	12/25/1989
17	12/24/1989
14	01/22/1985
12	01/21/1985 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948.

CHIEFLAND 5 SE

TEMP	DATE
29	02/01/2009
27	01/31/2009
26	01/23/2009
19	01/22/2009
17	02/05/1996
15	12/24/1989
9	01/22/1985 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1956.

FORT MYERS - PAGE FIELD

TEMP	DATE
32	01/03/2008
31	01/05/2001
30	01/01/2001
29	02/05/1996
28	12/25/1989
27	12/24/1989
26	12/13/1962 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1902.

INVERNESS 3 SE

TEMP	DATE	
29	02/01/2009	
25	01/24/2009	
20	01/23/2009	
19	01/06/2001	
18	01/09/1996	
15	12/25/1989	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948.
	AND 01/21/1985	

LAKELAND

TEMP	DATE	
32	01/23/2009	
27	01/22/2009	
24	01/05/2001	
23	01/28/1986	
20	01/22/1985	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948.
	AND 01/21/1985	
	AND 12/13/1962	

MOUNTAIN LAKE

TEMP	DATE	
28	01/23/2009	
25	01/22/2009	
24	01/05/2001	
16	12/20/2000	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1935.
	AND 01/22/1985	

MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK

TEMP	DATE	
27	01/22/2009	
26	01/05/2001	
23	01/19/1997	
22	12/25/1989	
18	01/13/1981	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1956.
	AND 12/13/1962	

PARRISH

TEMP	DATE	
29	01/03/2008	
27	01/24/2003	
23	01/19/1997	
18	01/13/1981	COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1957.

PLANT CITY

TEMP	DATE
31	01/24/2009
26	01/22/2009
25	01/19/1997
22	12/25/1989
20	12/24/1989
17	01/13/1981
15	01/27/1905 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892.

PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE

TEMP	DATE
26	01/22/2009
25	12/24/1989
23	01/12/1982 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1965.

ST LEO

TEMP	DATE
31	01/23/2009
28	01/22/2009
27	01/03/2008
25	01/24/2003
22	02/05/1996
20	12/24/1989
18	01/21/1985 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1895.

ST. PETERSBURG - ALBERT WHITTED

TEMP	DATE
32	01/03/2008
29	01/24/2003
28	02/05/1996
27	12/24/1989
26	12/27/1983
24	12/25/1983
22	12/13/1962 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1914.

SARASOTA-BRADENTON

TEMP	DATE
32	01/03/2008
31	01/22/2009
29	01/24/2003
26	01/06/1999
24	02/05/1996
20	12/26/1983 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1948.

TAMPA INT`L

TEMP	DATE
29	01/03/2008
27	01/24/2003
25	02/05/1996
24	12/24/1989
21	01/21/1985
19	12/26/1983
18	12/13/1962 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1890.

TARPON SPRINGS

TEMP	DATE
32	01/22/2009
29	01/03/2008
27	01/24/2003
25	01/06/1999
23	02/05/1996
22	01/21/1985
21	12/27/1983
19	01/13/1981 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1892.
	AND 12/13/1962
	AND 12/29/1894

VENICE

TEMP	DATE
31	01/22/2009
29	01/03/2008
26	02/05/1996
25	12/27/1983
24	12/11/1981
23	01/13/1981
22	12/13/1962 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1955.

WAUCHULA 2 N

TEMP	DATE
31	01/22/2009
28	01/03/2008
27	01/25/2003
24	01/10/2001
22	12/24/1989
20	01/12/1982 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1933.

WEEKI WACHEE

TEMP	DATE
31	01/31/2009
30	01/24/2009
26	01/23/2009
22	01/22/2009
21	02/07/2000
20	12/25/1995
19	12/25/1989
18	01/22/1985
17	01/21/1985
13	01/13/1981 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1969.

WINTER HAVEN

TEMP	DATE
30	01/22/2009
28	01/03/2008
27	01/24/2003
26	02/05/1996
23	12/25/1989
19	12/24/1989 COLDEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1941.

RESIDENTS OF WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA...ESPECIALLY THOSE AWAY FROM THE COAST...SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROTECT VEGETATION AND PETS EACH NIGHT THROUGH THURSDAY. PROLONGED TEMPERATURES NEAR OR BELOW FREEZING MAY SEVERELY DAMAGE SENSITIVE VEGETATION...AND CAN BE HARMFUL TO PETS. IN ADDITION...IF YOU PLAN ON BEING OUTDOORS LATE EACH NIGHT INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS BE SURE TO BUNDLE UP AND DRESS IN LAYERS. IF YOU PLAN ON USING SPACE HEATERS PLEASE REMEMBER THEY CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD...AND YOU SHOULD KEEP LINENS... BLANKETS...CURTAINS...AND OTHER FLAMMABLES AWAY FROM THE HEATER AT ALL TIMES.

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